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SUBJ: MRS. NGO BA THANH

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1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY YALE FACULTY SOURCE, 1,000 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND 75 FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE PETITIONED YALE CORPORATION TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREE TO NGO BA THANH. SPONSORS ARE ALSO EVIDENTLY SEEKING TO DRUM UP OUTSIDE SUPPORT FOR DEGREE FOR MRS. THANH. CORPORATION IS NOW REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING PROPOSAL, BUT WOULD NOT MAKE FINAL DECISION UNLESS IT WAS ASSURED MRS. THANH COULD COME TO NEW HAVEN TO RECEIVE DEGREE. IN RESPONSE SOURCE' S QUESTION, WE DECLINED SPECULATE ON WHETHER MRS. THANH MIGHT BE RELEASED FROM PRISON AND PERMITTED TO TRAVEL TO U. S. TO RECEIVE DEGREE. WE SUGGESTED THAT IT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR SOURCE TO ASK GVN OFFICIALS.

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2. IN YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY WISH BRIEF FOREGOING TO
APPROPRIATE GVN OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS HARVARD INTEREST IN
THANH DESCRIBED REF (C). ROGERS

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